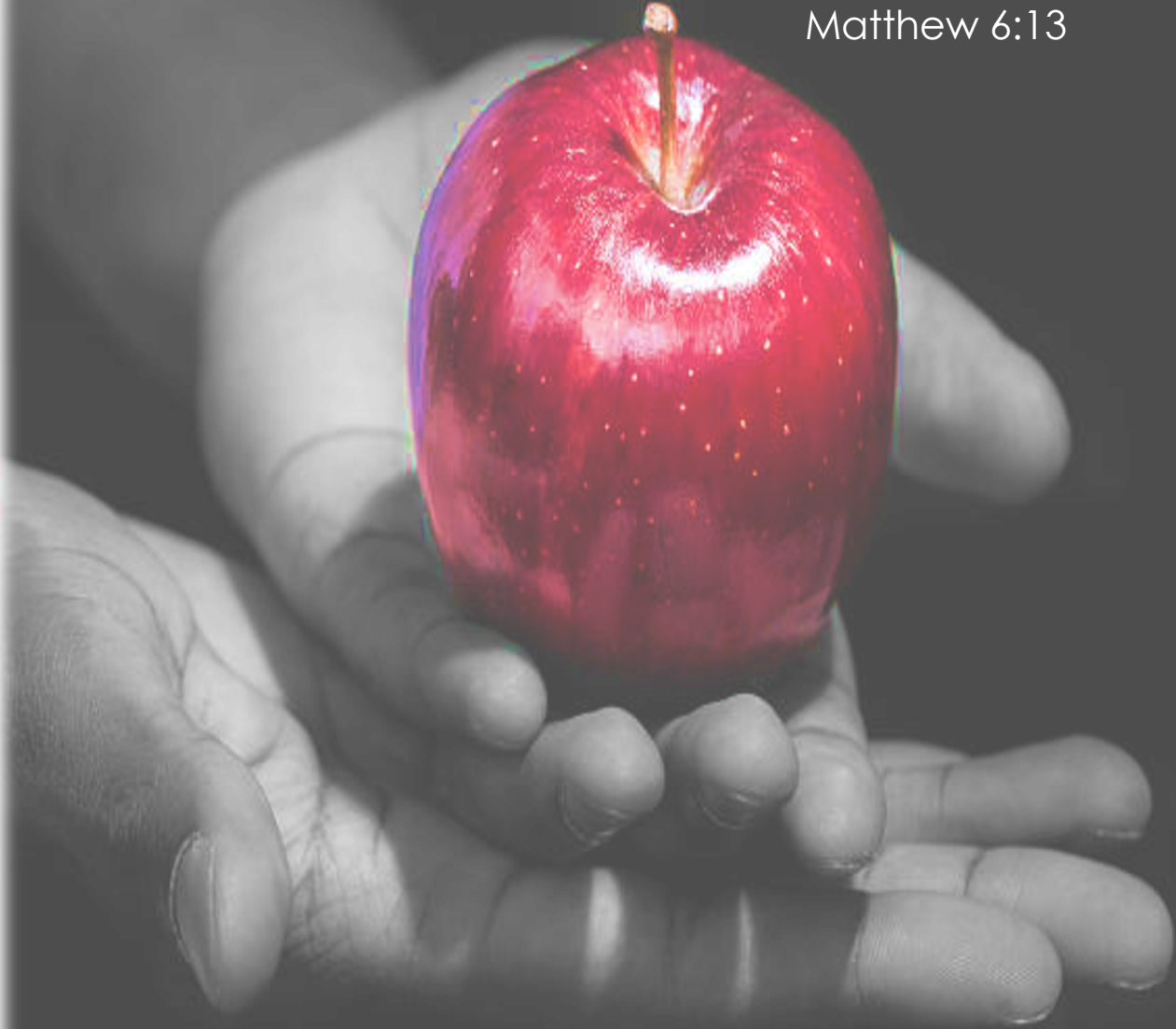


# Spiritual Battles

Matthew 6:13



## 40 DAYS OF PRAYER

JOURNEYING WITH FAITH

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WHO ART IN HEAVEN HALLOWED  
BE THY NAME THY KINGDOM  
COME THY WILL BE DONE ON  
EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN GIVE  
US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD  
AND FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES  
AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO  
TRESPASS AGAINST US AND  
LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION  
BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL  
FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM  
THE POWER AND THE GLORY  
FOR EVER AND EVER  
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# INSTRUCTIONS

As followers of Jesus, we are called to a life of prayer, as seen in 1 Thessalonians 5:17. Paul also reminds us of the importance of corporate prayer, as seen in Acts 1:14. As a church, we would like to spend the next 40 days in prayer, both individually and corporately. We will spend this time asking God to do a mighty work in our lives, our families, our church, and around the world.

Each day, we would like to dig a little deeper into Bro. Mark's sermon on the Disciples' Prayer. We will have a few statements and supporting Scripture verses to read and meditate on as we embark on this journey together to be *FULLY DEVOTED FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST*.

We will end each day by joining together in prayer for one of the following spiritual needs:

- **Yourself**
- **Your Family**
- **Your Church**
- **The Lost World**

We are excited for you to join us during these 40 days of prayer, and we eagerly anticipate how God will move in our lives, both personally and as a church family here at Leighton Baptist Church.

**1 Thessalonians 5:17** "Pray without ceasing."

**Acts 1:14** "These all with one mind were continually devoting themselves to prayer..."

**Philippians 3:14** "I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

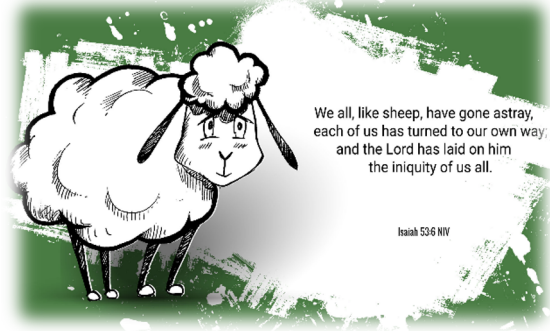
**Jeremiah 33:3** "Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and mighty things, which you do not know."

## DAY 33: And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one

Throughout Scripture, we see a struggle between human nature and the call of Christ. There is a natural pull to sin, as it says in Romans, we have all sinned and fallen short. Challenges arise every day that give us opportunities to respond biblically or worldly. Walking with Christ requires that we spend time with Him daily to allow Him to lead us away from evil

### Isaiah 53:6 NIV

*We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.*



### Hebrews 12:2a NIV

*Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith*

Like sheep, we are all prone to wander. We must keep our eyes fixed on Jesus and lay down our desires at His feet so that we may be led into deliverance from temptation and sin.

### Psalms 5:8 NIV

*Lead me, Lord, in your righteousness because of my enemies – make your way straight before me.*

### Psalms 27:11 NIV

*Teach me your way, Lord; lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors.*

### Matthew 26:41 NIV

*“Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”*

Indeed, the flesh is weak and will fail as long as we rely on our own strength.

Trust in the Lord today. Place your faith, your confidence, and your love in Christ and be led into deliverance from temptation.

**TODAY**, we ask  
that you pray  
for **YOURSELF**

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## DAY 34: And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one

The man who believes that he is perfect can never pray the Lord's prayer; he must offer one of his own making, for he will never be willing to say, "Lead us not into temptation, but, beloved, because the devil thinks it's worth his while to tempt us, we may conclude that there is something in us that is temptable, - that sin still dwells there, notwithstanding that the grace of God has renewed our hearts – Charles Spurgeon

As Christians, we exist in this phase of life some call "already, not yet." We are already saved and justified from our old sinful ways, but we have not yet been glorified in heaven. As long as we exist on this earth, we will always wrestle against our flesh. The battle is won when we confess and recognize our sinfulness, give it to Christ, and seek to please and follow Him.

### 1 John 1:8 NIV

*"If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us."*

### Ephesians 6:12 NIV

*"For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the power of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms."*

The enemy is constantly looking for one he can deceive and lead into evil. Christ is calling you to stand firm in the Gospel. Believe that Christ is who He says He is, and walk in a way that is worthy of the calling of Christians. Be strong, unwavering, and totally sold out for Jesus, and then you will have triumph over temptation.

### Galatians 5:16 NIV

*So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.*

**TODAY**, we ask  
that you pray for  
**YOUR FAMILY**

As you pray today, ask the Lord to reveal what He needs for you to be completely bought into the Gospel.



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## DAY 35: And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one

Temptation is “The lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, the pride of life. (1 John 2:16) Every temptation that you face is a component of one of these. – Adrian Rogers

As we discussed yesterday, God’s Word reminds us that we can be victorious over any temptation if we allow the Holy Spirit to direct our thoughts and actions. In His Word, we find examples of those who were confronted with temptation and overcame it. This is evidence that we, too, can resist and conquer it.

Jesus Himself is our perfect example of overcoming temptation.

### Matthew 4:1 NIV

*Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.*

### Hebrews 4:15 NIV

*For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are – yet he did not sin.*

### 2 Timothy 2:22 NIV

*“Flee the evil desires of youth and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.”*

### James 4:7 ESV

*Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*



When Scripture tells us to flee, that does not mean stand and fight temptation, but genuinely flee, leave the scene, remove yourself from the situation causing this temptation. Know that through Christ we can overcome any temptation as long as we are continually putting our trust and faith in Christ.

**TODAY**, we ask  
that you pray for  
**YOUR CHURCH**

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## DAY 36: And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

As long as we have breath, temptation will be a part of our lives. It often occurs when we least expect it – when we are drawing closer to God, stepping into our calling, or breaking free from strongholds. These are when the attacks tend to intensify. But here’s the truth: the closer we walk with God, the more alert we become to the battle between the flesh and the Spirit. Instead of being caught off guard, we are strengthened by His presence and equipped through His Word.

### James 1:3 NIV

*“because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.”*

### James 1:12 NIV

*“Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.”*

We are to stand firm in the Lord so that we are not swayed from the Truth and carried away by our fleshly desires.

Every trial endured, every temptation squashed, and everything that has happened serve as stepping stones to being made more like Christ. As we push forward through the difficult times and stand firm on the Rock of Jesus, have hope that God will mold you into the Christian He desires you to be.

### Romans 5:2-5 NIV

*“Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.”*

Depend on God, for He is dependable. Stand firm in the power of the Gospel. Sin has no hold over us who have died to it and have been raised with Christ.

**TODAY**, we ask  
that you pray for  
**THE LOST WORLD**

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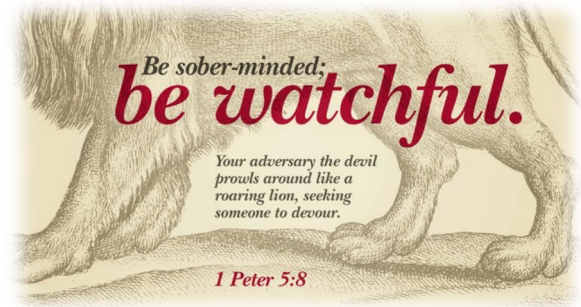
## DAY 37: And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

*“When you sleep, remember that you are resting on the battlefield; when you travel, suspect an ambush in every hedge.” - Charles Spurgeon*

We are in a Spiritual battle, and we desperately need God’s protection. God warns us that the threat of spiritual warfare is real, and we must be on guard, ready to take action to protect ourselves.

### 1 Peter 5:8 NIV

*Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.*



### John 10:10a NIV

*The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy.*

Spiritual warfare’s goal is to stop you from becoming who God has created you to be or to hinder your advancement of the Kingdom. It is a distraction. We must never forget that the enemy we are fighting is not our spouse, our family member, our coworker, or our neighbor.

### Ephesians 6:10-13 ESV

*Finally, be strong in the Lord and the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore, take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.*

We are so thankful for a Savior who is ready, willing, and able to protect us from the evil one. Our battle, as stated in Matthew, is against the evil one. But Christ is triumphant, now and forever. Place your feet on the solid rock that is Christ Jesus, and He is faithful to deliver you.

As you pray today, pray that the Lord becomes the only thing that draws your attention and that through Him, sin would have no hold over us any longer.

**TODAY**, we ask  
that you pray for  
**YOURSELF**

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## DAY 38: And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

Sow a thought and you reap an action; sow an act and you reap a habit; sow a habit and you reap a character; sow a character and you reap a destiny.

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

Scripture tells us that out of the heart the mouth speaks. As believers, our own worst enemy is ourselves. We wage war against our own flesh with the Spirit given to us by Christ, and will always be at odds until we are glorified in Christ. Our sin, our evil actions, first start as thoughts in our minds, and if we continue to let them fester, they give birth to destruction.

### Matthew 15:19 NIV

*For out of the heart come evil thoughts – murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander.*

### Galatians 6:7-9 NIV

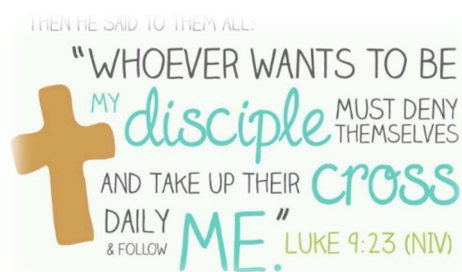
*Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.*

We must allow the Holy Spirit to have complete control of our thoughts and actions. We are to take captive any thoughts that enter our minds and make them obedient to Christ.

### 2 Corinthians 10:5b NIV

*And we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.*

This is why Christ bids us to take up our cross daily, to die to ourselves, to put our sinful thoughts to death, and to follow Christ with every part of our being.



### Luke 9:23 NIV

*“Then he said to them all: Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.”*

As you spend time with the Lord today, what is it you need to lay at His feet so that you may be better equipped to follow Him?

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**TODAY**, we ask  
that you pray for  
**YOUR FAMILY**

## DAY 39: And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

Repentance is not a one-time event reserved for the moment of salvation; it's an ongoing part of our Christian Walk. The experience of restoration after repentance is marked by a profound sense of joy, peace, and fellowship with God. It's freedom from the burden of guilt and shame, and a return to a right relationship with Him.

David, after his fall, prayed the following:

### **Psalm 51:12 NIV**

*"Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me."*

### **Luke 15:7 NIV**

*"I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent."*

### **Acts 3:19 NIV**

*"Repent then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord."*

Repentance is not meant to bring condemnation, but freedom. True restoration follows true repentance.

### **Romans 8:1-2 NIV**

*"Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death."*

When we turn to Him with humble, repentant hearts, God not only forgives but also renews us. Just like the prodigal son who returned home expecting rejection but received a celebration, we are welcomed back with open arms full of love when we return to our Heavenly Father.

As you pray today, lay down your shame, sin, burdens, and everything in between and be renewed by the power of the Gospel.



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TODAY, we ask that  
you pray for  
**YOUR CHURCH**